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Education

PhD in Communication, Simon Fraser University, *Vancouver, British Columbia*, 2001.

MA in Communication, University of Massachusetts, *Amherst, Massachusetts*, 1995.

BA in Liberal Arts, The Evergreen State College, *Olympia, Washington*, 1992.

Publications

(1) Peer-Reviewed Articles

Neilson T. and Gibson, T.A. (2022). Social media editors and the audience funnel: Tensions between commercial pressures and professional norms in the data-saturated newsroom. *Digital Journalism*, 10 (4), 556-578.

Gibson, T.A., Letiecq, B.L., and Finkelstein, J.H. (2021) Good trouble in the time of COVID-19, *Health Communication*, DOI: 10.1080/10410236.2021.1957214

Gibson, T. A. (2018). The post-truth double-helix: Reflexivity and mistrust in local politics. *International Journal of Communication*, 12, 3167-85. [Available here](#).

Gibson, T. A. (2017). Streetcar desires: The death of the Arlington Streetcar and the cultural politics of smart growth development. *communication +1*, 6, Article 7. <https://scholarworks.umass.edu/cpo/vol6/iss1/7>

Gibson, T.A., Craig, R., Harper, A., and Alpert, J. (2015). Covering global warming in dubious times: Environmental reporters in the new media ecosystem. *Journalism*. Published online before print, January 4, 2015, doi: 10.1177/1464884914564845.

Gibson, T.A. (2015). The rise and fall of Adrian Fenty, Mayor-triathlete: Cycling, gentrification, and class politics in Washington, D.C. *Leisure Studies*, 34, 2, 230-249. Available online: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02614367.2013.855940#.U1aXxvldWSo>

- Gibson, T.A. (2014). Property outlaws in cyberspace and meatspace? Examining the relationship between online peer production and support for private property violations. *tripleC: Communication, Capitalism & Critique*, 12, 2, 876–890. Available online: <http://www.triple-c.at/index.php/tripleC/article/view/619>
- Gibson, T.A. (2014). In defense of law and order: Urban space, fear of crime, and the virtues of social control. *Journal of Communication Inquiry*, 38, 223-242.
- Gibson, T.A. (2013). Advertising empire: Reflections on defense contractor ads in Washington, D.C. *Liminalities: A Journal of Performance Studies*, 9, 4, Available online at: <http://liminalities.net/9-4/advertisingempire.pdf>
- Gehl, R., & Gibson, T.A. (2012). Building a Blog Cabin in a financial crisis: Circuits of struggle in the digital enclosure. *Television & New Media*, 13, 48-67.
- Gibson, T.A. (2010). Primitive accumulation, eminent domain, and the contradictions of neoliberalism. *Cultural Studies*, 24, 133-160.
- Gibson, T.A. (2010). The limits of media advocacy. *Communication, Culture, & Critique*, 3, 44-65.
- Gibson, T.A. (2007). WARNING—The existing media system may be hazardous to your health: Health promotion and the politics of media reform. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 35, 125-132.
- Waetjen, J., & Gibson, T.A. (2007). Harry Potter and the commodity fetish: Corporate activations in the journey from text to commercial intertext. *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, 4, 3-26.
- Gibson, T.A. (2006). New Orleans and the wisdom of lived space. *Space and Culture*, 9, 45-47.
- Gibson, T.A. (2005). Spectacle in the city: Notes on the use of “spectacle” in urban sociology. *Sociologie et Societes*, 37, 1, 171-195.
- Gibson, T.A. (2005). NIMBY and the civic good. *City & Community*, 4, 4, 381-401.
- Gibson, T.A. (2005). Selling city living: Urban branding campaigns, class power, and the civic good. *International Journal of Cultural Studies*, 8, 3, 259-280.
- Gibson, T.A. (2004). Covering the world-class downtown: Seattle’s local media and the politics of urban redevelopment. *Critical Studies of Media Communication*, 21, 283-304.
- Gibson, T.A. (2003). The trope of the organic city: Discourses of decay and rebirth in downtown Seattle. *Space and Culture*, 6, 4, 429-448.

Gibson, T.A. (2000). Beyond cultural populism: Notes toward a critical ethnography of media audiences. *Journal of Communication Inquiry*, 24, 3, 253-273.

Gibson, T.A. (1998). "I don't want them living around here": Ideologies of race and neighborhood decay. *Rethinking Marxism*, 10, 141-155.

(2) Books

Gibson, T.A., & Lowes, M, eds. (2007). *Urban communication: Production, text, context*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Press.

- Winner of the 2007 Jane Jacobs Book Award, Urban Communication Foundation.

Gibson, T.A. (2004). *Securing the spectacular city: The politics of revitalization and homelessness in Downtown Seattle*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Hackett, R.A. & Gruneau, R., with Gutstein, D., Gibson, T.A., & NewsWatch Canada. (2000). *The missing news: Filters and blind spots in Canada's press*. Toronto: Garamond Press.

(3) Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

Gibson, T.A. (2016). Economic, technological, and organizational factors influencing news coverage of climate change. In M. Nisbet et al. (eds.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Change Communication*. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228620.013.355

Gibson, T.A. (2014). Branding the city: Place marketing and class power in Washington, D.C. In B. Batchelor and D. Coombs (eds.), *We Are What We Sell: How Advertising Shapes American Life... And Always Has (Volume 3: Advertising in the Contemporary Age)*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

- This chapter offers an update of my 2006 article on DC's "city living" campaign.

Gibson, T.A. (2010). Public space and the fear of cities: The politics of cultural programming in Seattle's Westlake Park. In V. Watts & R. Gehl (eds.), *The Politics of Cultural Programming in Public Spaces*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press.

Gibson, T.A. (2010). Unraveling ideological seams: *Kelo v. New London* and the cultural politics of eminent domain. In H. Jassem et al. (eds.), *The Urban Communication Reader, Vol. 2*. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press.

(4) Research reports, invited writings, and opinion pieces (not peer-reviewed)

Fields, S., Gibson, T., Kilgore, R., Letiecq, B., and Magee, M. (2022). How to organize around issues and build faculty power. *Academe*, 8, 101, 10-18.

Gibson, T., and Letiecq, B. (2021, Feb 19). What lessons are we teaching at George Mason University about justice? *The Washington Post*. Available online:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/local-opinions/george-mason-university-contractor-exploitation-allegations/2021/02/18/412c8e04-7084-11eb-85fa-e0ccb3660358_story.html

Gibson, T., and Letiecq, B. (2020, March 23). The good, the bad, and the ugly: GMU-AAUP reflects on the Presidential search [op-ed]. *Fourth Estate [student newspaper]*. Available online:
<http://gmufourthestate.com/2020/03/23/letter-to-the-editor-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly-gmu-aaup-reflects-on-the-presidential-search/>

Letiecq, B., Gibson, T., and DeMulder, E. (2020, March 11). GMU's campaign for a public Presidential search. *Academe Blog: The Blog of Academe Magazine*. Available online:
<https://academeblog.org/2020/03/11/gmus-campaign-for-a-public-presidential-search/>

Gibson, T., Letiecq, B., and GMU-AAUP. (2020). *Privacy is not a luxury: The value of private offices for CHSS students and professors [research report]*. Available online
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mOdtow3nckJvSpzcB4pVuTLyGhkH4hmE/view>

Recent Conference Papers and Presentations

Gibson, T.A. (2020). Drinking from a firehose: Faculty organizing during COVID. AAUP Summer Institute, July 2020. [Online conference due to pandemic].

Gibson, T.A. (2018). Grooming future state association leaders: Writing and re-writing the playbook. Annual meeting of the National Communication Association, November 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gibson, T.A. (2016). Smart growth, civic action, and the contradictions of populist distrust: Lessons from the death of the Arlington Streetcar. Paper presented at the Urban Communication Foundation pre-conference seminar, November 2016. Annenberg School of Communication, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gibson, T.A. (2016). Streetcar desires: The politics of class and mobility in smart growth planning. Paper presented at the Cultural Studies Association annual meeting, June 2016. Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Gibson, T.A., Craig, R., Harper, A., and Alpert, J. (2014). Reporting in/on end times: Covering global warming in a disintegrating news industry. Paper presented at the Society for Utopia Studies annual meeting, October 2014, Montreal, Canada.

Gibson, T.A., (2013). Property outlaws in cyberspace *and* meatspace? Examining the relationship between online peer production and support for private property violations. Presented at the 8th International *Rethinking Marxism* conference, September 2013, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Gibson, T.A. (2013). “They want doggie parks and bike lanes”: Cycling and class politics in Washington, DC. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association, April 2013, Kansas City, Missouri.

Gibson, T.A. (2011). In defense of law and order: Urban space, fear of crime, and the necessity of social control. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association, March 2011, Chicago, Illinois.

Recent Teaching Experience (2010-2020)

COMM 302 Foundations of Mass COMM	COMM 380 Media Criticism
CULT 320 Globalization and Culture	COMM 400 Research Methods
COMM 798 Communication Research Projects	COMM 690 Media Advocacy
COMM 725 Qualitative Research Methods	COMM 700 Building Social Science Theory
COMM 490/491 Honors Research Sequence	

Recent University/Department Service

(1) Department/Program Service

Director, Minor in Communication, Spring 2022-present

Chair, COMM Curriculum Committee, 2020-present

Member, Department Advisory Committee, 2014-present

Chair, Faculty Search Committee (Strategic Communication/PR), Fall 2021

Chair, Faculty Search Committee (Assistant Director of Forensics), CHSS, Spring-Summer 2020

GMU-AAUP Liaison, Department of Communication, 2019-present

Undergraduate Studies Committee. Department of Communication, 2012-present

Graduate Studies Committee. Department of Communication, June 2002 – present

Chair, Classified Staff Search Committee (Forensics Assistant), CHSS, Fall 2019

Associate Chair, Department of Communication, 2013-2019

Chair, Faculty Search Committee (Journalism), Department of Communication, Spring 2018

Director, PhD in Communication, Department of Communication, 2012-2013; Summer 2014

Director, MA in Communication, 2002-2003; 2005-2007; 2009-2011

Chair, Assessment Committee. Department of Communication, 2009-2021

- Led the Department through the Academic Program Review (APR) process twice (2012 and 2019). Our final report in 2012 won an award from the Provost's Office.

Undergraduate Research/OSCAR Committee. Department of Communication, 2014-present

Member, Cultural Studies Program Director search committee, Spring 2014

Chair, FAVS Director Search Committee, 2012-2013

MA Admissions Committee. Department of Communication, 2002-2007; 2009-2011

Member, Alumni Awards Committee, Department of Communication, 2007-2010

Member, Faculty Search Committees, Cultural Studies PhD program, 2008; 2011-2012

(2) College/University Service

Secretary/Treasurer/Communications – GMU-AAUP, Spring 2018-present

Co-supervisor, Mason Forensics. Fall 2018-Summer 2020

Member, Executive Committee. Cultural Studies PhD program, 2008-present.

Member, Executive Committee, Film and Media Studies minor (CHSS). 2019-present.

CHSS Undergraduate Research Symposium – Project Reviewer, CHSS. 2015, 2017-2019.

Senior Leadership Committee, CHSS. 2010-2012

Academic Program Review – Faculty Review Team, 2009 – 2011.

Faculty Affiliate, Cultural Studies PhD program. George Mason University. 2001 – present.

Faculty Affiliate, Film and Video Studies (CVPA). January 2007 – present.

Faculty Affiliate, Film and Media Studies minor (CHSS). 2001 – present.

(3) Service to the Discipline

President, Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences, 2016-present.

Selection Committee Chair, Jane Jacobs Book Award, Urban Communication Foundation, 2016 - present.

Selection Committee Chair, Jane Jacobs Book Award, Urban Communication Foundation, 2012.

Manuscript Review 2010-2020

Space & Culture

Communication Research Reports

Communication Quarterly

City & Community

Urban Studies

Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies

New Media & Society

Journal of Communication Inquiry

Health Communication

Social Forces

Urban Affairs Review

Public Understanding of Science

Communication Theory

Communication, Culture & Critique

Liminalities

Leisure Sciences

Environment and Planning B